

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest



Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatcher) 1 Detail/Temporary Promotion NTE 120 day

The Modoc National Forest is currently seeking a candidate for a **Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatcher), GS-0462-05/06/07, 120-Day Detail/Temp Promotion** position with a duty station of **Modoc National Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas, CA.**

This position serves as a federal Initial Attack Dispatcher at the Modoc Interagency Communication Center (MICC); MICC is the primary wildland fire dispatch center for the Modoc National Forest (MDF), Lava Beds National Monument (BNP), and the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex (LKR).

This position is categorized as a High Complexity Initial Attack Dispatcher (IADP) in the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Standard and Guide as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. Refer to the Forest Service IFPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the selective placement factors. This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). **Applicants must have 90 days wildland firefighting experience and have the minimum qualification of Expanded dispatch Recorder (EDRC) to qualify for this position.**

Interested individuals are encouraged to complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Form, along with a resumé and a copy of your IQCS Master Record, and send to Charlea Johnston at cajohnston@fs.fed.us by the close of business on **October 2, 2014.**

DUTIES:

Performs and directs others in receiving fire reports and current fire reports and current fire information the appropriate response to incidents and request from the field and independently plans and carries out the procedural and technical tasks involved in the dispatching of personnel, equipment, and/or supplies to suppress wildland fires. Resolves the full range of irregular or problem situations in anticipating resource needs for fire suppression activities. Makes recommendations regarding resource orders or anticipated orders.

Based upon current wildland fire suppression activity and utilizing prior wildland firefighting experience and training, anticipates fire suppression needs and determines resource allocation. Determines the number of persons and composition of equipment to dispatch to wildland fires, or for situations in which the fire danger is high. Redistributes resources to address emerging needs, such as in cases of multiple wildland or in prescribed fires. Maintains fire organization rosters.

Coordinates aviation dispatch operations (e.g., aircraft capabilities and limitations, flight planning, aviation safety).

Operates and/or directs the operation of various dispatch telecommunication systems.

Organizes and reviews completed records of all orders placed and actions taken to ensure adherence to established operating procedures.

Processes and interprets weather information (e.g., spot weather forecasts, weather station observations, current and forecasted weather, lightning detection, and fuel moisture levels). This information is used to determine burning indices, preparedness levels and staffing levels for suppression and aviation resources.

Performs, and directs others, in inputting data into a number of fire-related computer applications (e.g., incident qualification records, fire reporting systems, and automated dispatch systems) and makes assessment of outputs.

Plans and carries out fire program management projects in accordance with fire management objectives and policies. Develops and implements fire program management project work plans. Resolves the full scope of irregular problem situations encountered when performing a wide range of interrelated, nonstandard assignments pertaining to fire program management activities.

Provides information and consults with cooperators and other interested entities.

Plans and provides critical logistical support information to the supervisor for successful implementation of fire management program activities. Makes recommendations concerning the efficient use of available resources.

Records and maintains communication logs.

Coordinates and may assist with fire training and orientation.

Reviews internal operating procedures and systems, makes recommendations for improvement, and updates/develops operating plans and mobilization guides.

May provide assistance on problems encountered by lower level dispatch personnel.

For more information on this position, contact Charlea Johnston at (530) 233-8843 or cajohnston@fs.fed.us.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest sits in the extreme northeastern portion of California, mainly in rural Modoc County, and is considered high desert. Elevations range from 3500 feet to over 10,000 feet. Vegetation varies from grasslands to dense timber. The Forest is bounded by the Oregon state line on the north, Medicine Lake Highlands and a volcanic zone on the west, Madeline Plains to the south, and the Warner Mountain Range to the east.

The Modoc National Forest covers an area of approximately 1.69 million acres within Modoc, Lassen and Siskiyou Counties in Northern California. On the eastern portion of the forest, it borders the Lava Beds National Monument on three sides. To the west, the South Warner Wilderness can be found in the southeast section of the Warner Mountain Ranger District. The Wilderness has very steep slopes on the east side and moderate slopes on the west. A variety of vegetation adorns the area from high desert sagebrush and juniper to high alpine terrain.

The landscapes we manage include vast lava flows with sparse vegetation, lush grasslands and juniper, aspen and mixed conifer forests. Proactive vegetation management is an important element of caring for our public lands, and the professional staff of the Modoc leads the way by setting the standards for others to follow. With that, the preservation of biological diversity, and the sustainment of forest health are important to us.

The Modoc manages wildlife, range, recreation, timber, mineral and fire suppression programs. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife biologists, archaeologists, range

conservationists, engineers, business management and public relations professionals. We enjoy excellent working relationships with tribes, local, state and other federal agencies.

More information on the Modoc National Forest is on our website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

Alturas:

The Supervisor's office is located in Alturas, CA, which has a population of 3000, and is the county seat of Modoc County. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, doctors, public schools, businesses, and recreational facilities. The cost of living is reasonable. Home costs range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$500. The public school system provides instruction for grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas also has various churches representing many denominations.

For More Information Contact: Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, and CA. 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

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Please submit outreach response, along with a resumé and a copy of your
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NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____USFS _____BLM _____OTHER_____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____PERMANENT _____TEMPORARY _____TERM
_____VRA _____PWD _____OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH?

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Submission of this form is voluntary – Thanks for your interest!

“This is not an application to any current vacancies”.